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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/13/2006 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dan De Vos, telephone no. (408) 720-8300, on February 1, 2007.

Pleas amend the application as follows:

Claims 1, 6-7, 11, & 16-34 should be amended to the claim language as shown below. These amended claims will **replace** claims 1, 6-7, 11, & 16-34 as filed on 11/13/2006:

In claim 1, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- A computer implemented method comprising: calling a single macro instruction operation from a first processor, the single macro instruction operation representing a plurality of primitive security operations, the single macro instruction operation selected from a group of macro operations

including a first key exchange macro operation, a second key exchange macro operation, a finish macro operation, and a server full handshake macro operation, wherein the first key exchange macro operation represents a plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and seventy-eight hash operations, the second key exchange operation macro represents a plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and twenty-two hash operations, the finish operation macro represents a plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, an encrypt operation, and twelve hash operations, and the server full handshake operation macro represents a plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, two encrypt operations, a set of modular arithmetic operations, and thirty-five hash operations; executing the plurality of primitive security operations at a second processor in response to receiving the single macro instruction operation from the first processor, the second processor having a plurality of execution units that each can perform the single macro instruction operation, wherein a single execution unit of said plurality of execution units performs the plurality of primitive security operations that correspond to the single macro instruction; generating a set of data from executing the plurality of primitive security operations at the second processor; and establishing a secure session between a first network element and a second network element [[with]] using the set of data, wherein the first network element includes the first processor and the second processor.--.

In claim 6, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- A computer implemented method comprising: calling a single macro security operation from a first processor to a second processor, the single macro security operation representing a set of primitive security

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operations, wherein the single macro security operation is a server full handshake macro operation; performing the set of primitive security operations in response to the single macro security operation, the set of primitive security operations comprising, generating a secret and a key material using at least twenty hash primitive security operations, creating a first finished hash for a client message using at least four hash primitive security operations, creating a second finished hash for a server message using at least four hash primitive security operations, creating a finished message using at least one encrypt primitive security operation and two hash primitive security operations; and establishing a secure session between a first network element and a second network element using data generated by performing the set of primitive security operations in response to the single macro operation, wherein the second network element includes the first processor and the second processor.

In claim 7, the originally presented claim appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The computer implemented method of claim 6 wherein the set of operations further comprises decrypting a pre-master secret using at least an RSA primitive security operation; and decrypting a client finished message using at least a decrypt primitive security operation and a plurality of hash primitive security operations.

In claim 11, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- A system comprising: a first network element to request a secure session; and a second network element networked to the first network element, the second network element to call a macro security operation from a first processor, the macro security operation associated with a plurality of primitive security operations, to execute the plurality of primitive security operations at a second processor in response to the macro security operation, and to generate a set of data from the

execution of the plurality of primitive security operations in response to the macro security operation to establish the secure session between the first network element and the second network element, the macro security operation selected from a group of macro operations including a first key exchange macro operation, a second key exchange macro operation, a finish macro operation, and a server full handshake macro operation, wherein the first key exchange macro operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and seventy-eight hash operations, the second key exchange macro operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and twenty-two hash operations, the finish macro operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, an encrypt operation, and twelve hash operations, and the server full handshake macro operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, two encrypt operations, a set of modular arithmetic operations, and thirty-five hash operations.--.

In claim 16, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to -- A[[n]] apparatus** first network element comprising: a first processor to call a macro security operation associated with a plurality of primitive security operations to establish a secure session, the macro security operation selected from a group of macro security operations including a first key exchange macro security operation, a second key exchange macro security operation, a finish macro security operation, and a server full handshake macro security operation, wherein the first key exchange operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and seventy-eight hash operations,

the second key exchange operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and twenty-two hash operations, the finish operation macro represents one decrypt operation, an encrypt operation, and twelve hash operations, and the server full handshake operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, two encrypt operations, a set of modular arithmetic operations, and thirty-five hash operations; a second processor coupled to the first processor, the second processor to perform the plurality of primitive security operations in response to the macro security operation from said first processor; and a memory coupled to the first and the second processor, the memory to store a set of data generated by the second processor, the data used to establish the secure connection between the first network element and a second network element.--.

In claim 17, the originally presented claim appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to --** The apparatus first network element of claim 16 wherein the second processor comprises: a request unit to fetch and to distribute the macro security operation; and a plurality of execution units coupled to the request unit, one of the plurality of execution units to execute the plurality of primitive security operations.--.

In claim 18, the originally presented claim appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to --**The apparatus first network element of claim 17 further comprising: the first processor to call a second macro security operation after calling the first macro security operation; and a second one of the plurality of execution units to execute a second plurality of primitive security operations corresponding to the second macro security operation

before the one of the plurality of execution units completes execution of the plurality of primitive security operations.--.

In claim 19, the originally presented claim appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** --The ~~apparatus~~ first network element of claim 17 wherein the one of the plurality of execution units comprises: a microcode unit to translate the macro security operation into ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of primitive security operations; an execution queue unit coupled to the microcode unit, the execution queue unit to queue the plurality of primitive security operations; a plurality of primitive security operation units coupled to the execution queue unit, the plurality of primitive security operation units to perform the plurality of primitive security operations; and a bus coupled to the plurality of primitive security operation units, the bus to transmit data.--.

In claim 20, the originally presented claim appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** --The ~~apparatus~~ first network element of claim 16 further comprising the memory to store a set of source data.--.

In claim 21, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- A~~[[n]]~~ first network element ~~apparatus~~ comprising: a first processor to give the command for a macro security operation associated with a plurality of primitive security operations, the macro security operation selected from a group including a key exchange operation macro, a finish operation macro, and a server full handshake operation macro, wherein the key exchange operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and twenty-two hash operations, the key exchange operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt

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operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and seventy-eight hash operations, the finish operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, an encrypt operation, and twelve hash operations, and the server full handshake operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, two encrypt operations, a set of modular arithmetic operations, and thirty-five hash operations; a second processor coupled to the first processor, the second processor comprising a request unit to retrieve the macro security operation associated with the plurality of primitive security operations, a plurality of execution units coupled to the request unit, one of the plurality of execution units to perform the plurality of primitive security operations retrieved by the request unit, the plurality of primitive security operations corresponding to the macro security operation; and a memory coupled to the first and second processor, the memory to store a set of data generated by the second processor, the data used to establish a secure connection between the first network element and a second network element.--

In claim 22, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The first network element apparatus of claim 21 further comprising the memory to store a set of source data from the host processor.--.

In claim 23, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The first network element apparatus of claim 21 wherein each of the plurality of execution units comprises: a microcode unit to translate the macro security operation into the plurality of primitive security operations; an execution queue unit coupled to the microcode unit, the execution queue unit to queue the plurality of primitive security operations; a plurality of primitive security operation units coupled to the execution

queue unit, the plurality of primitive security operation units to perform the plurality of primitive security operations; and a bus coupled to the plurality of primitive security operation units, the bus to transmit the set of generated data.--.

In claim 24, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The first network element ~~apparatus~~ of claim 21 further comprising: the first processor to call a primitive security operation; and a second one of the plurality of execution units to execute the primitive security operations.--.

In claim 25, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- A machine-readable storage medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform operations comprising: executing a macro security operation at a first one of the set of processors, the macro security operation associated with a plurality of primitive security operations, the macro security operation selected from a group including a key exchange macro, a finish macro, and a server full handshake macro, wherein the key exchange macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and twenty-two hash operations, the key exchange operation macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, a group of modular arithmetic operations, and seventy-eight hash operations, the finish macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including one decrypt operation, an encrypt operation, and twelve hash operations, and the server full handshake macro associated with the plurality of primitive security operations including a decrypt operation, two encrypt operations, a set of modular arithmetic operations; executing the plurality of primitive security operations at a second one of

the set of processors in response to the macro security operation; generating a set of data from executing the plurality of primitive security operations in response to the macro security operation; and establishing a secure session ~~with~~ using the set of data between a first network element and a second network element, wherein the second network element includes the set of one or more processors.--.

In claim 26, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25 wherein the set of data comprises: a set of decrypted data; a set of encrypted data; and a set of hashed messages.--.

In claim 27, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26 wherein the set of data further comprises a set of random numbers.--.

In claim 28, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25 further comprising the first processor calling a second operation to establish a second secure session.--.

In claim 29, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25 wherein the secure session is an SSL 3.0 session, a TLS session, or an IPSec session.--

In claim 30, the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** --A machine-readable storage medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform operations comprising: calling a single macro security operation from a first one of the set of processors, the single macro security

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operation associated with a set of primitive security operations, wherein the single macro instruction is a server full handshake macro instruction; performing the set of primitive security operations at a second one of the set of processors in response to the single macro security operation, the set of primitive security operations comprising, generating a secret and a key material using at least twenty hash primitive security operations, creating a first finished hash for a client message using at least two hash primitive security operations, creating a second finished hash for a server message using at least two hash primitive security operations, creating a finished message using at least one encrypt primitive security operation and two hash primitive security operations; and establishing a secure session between a first network element and a second network element using data generated by performing the set of primitive security operations, wherein said second network element includes the set of one or more processors---.

In claim 31, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** --The machine-readable storage medium of claim 30 wherein the set of operations further comprises decrypting a pre-master secret using at least an RSA primitive security operation and decrypting a client finished message using at least a decrypt primitive security operation and a plurality of hash primitive security operations---.

In claim 32, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 30 wherein the set of operations further comprises generating a set of random numbers---

In claim 33, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 30 the set of operations further comprising creating an expected finished message---

In claim 34, the originally presented claims appearing in the amendment filed on 11/13/2006 **has been changed to** -- The machine-readable storage medium of claim 30 further comprising calling a second macro security operation to establish a second secure session.--.

Allowable Subject Matter

I. Claims 1-34 (as amended and presented under "Examiner's Amendment") are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The above mentioned claims are allowable over the Cited Prior Arts (CPA) of record, taken singly or in combination, because they fail to anticipate or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitation as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 25, 30 and subsequent dependent claims.

With regards to independent claims 1, 11, 16, 21, 25, and subsequent dependent claims, the CPA does not teach or suggest a system/method/computer readable storage medium including the following limitations as claimed: the single macro operation selected from a group of macro operations, wherein the first key exchange macro operation represents a primitive security operation including, among other elements, seventy-eight hash operations; wherein the second key exchange operation macro represents a primitive security operation including, among other elements, twenty-two hash operations; wherein the finish operation macro represents a primitive security operation including, among other elements twelve hash operations, and wherein the server full handshake operation macro represents a primitive security operation including, among other elements, thirty-five hash operations. Furthermore, the prior arts taken singly or in combination fail to anticipate or render obvious the following limitations as claimed:

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the second processor/network node generating a set of data from executing the plurality of primitive security operations and using that data in order to establish a secure session between the two networked elements.

With regards to independent claims 6, 30, and subsequent dependent claims, the CPA does not teach or suggest a computer implemented method/computer readable storage medium including the following limitations as claimed: the single macro security operation, wherein the server full handshake operation is the single macro security operation which comprises at least twenty hash primitive security operations in order to generate a secret and key material, creating a first/second finished hash for a client/server using at least two hash primitive security operations, and creating a finished message using at least two hash primitive security operations. Furthermore, the prior arts taken singly or in combination fail to anticipate or render obvious the following limitations as claimed: the second processor/network node generating a set of data from executing the plurality of primitive security operations and using that data in order to establish a secure session between the two networked elements.


If Applicants are aware of prior art better than the CPA of record, they are required to call the Examiner's attention to these references. Furthermore, any comments considered necessary by Applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nadia Khoshnoodi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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